--- 1/7th Pound LWE - Series “C” - 255 x 15 mm. - scanned at 67% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 1/7th pound LWE strip as follows:

RP-918 - 1/7th pound, LWE, *fine roulette*, with 4 mm. blue control numbers - 255 x 15 mm
RP-919 - 1/7th pound, *imperforate*, with 4 mm. blue control numbers - 155 x 15 mm - a clipped **RP-920**?
RP-920 - 1/7th pound, LWE, *imperforate*, with 4 mm. blue control numbers - 255 x 15 mm

RP-1011 - RP-918 LWE *fine roulette*, overprinted **1/6** for the December 1939 Budget
RP-1012 - RP-919 *imperforate*, overprinted **1/6** for the December 1939 Budget - **RP-1013** trimmed to 155 mm?
RP-1013 - RP-920 LWE *imperforate*, overprinted **1/6** for the December 1939 Budget - 255 x 15 mm

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The collection ***does not contain*** a *dated* example of the *fine roulette* 1/7th pound LWE strip **RP-918**. The hidden letters “B-V” indicate that the die was prepared late in 1935. In 1939 BABN reported that a plate contained 30 stamps – probably 3 x 10 impressions. It seems to me that the earlier ‘long white end’ strips were from a plate containing only 20 impressions.

The package net weight was 2.28 ounces. Some of the present day 155 mm *fine roulette* strips have probably either been clipped from the 255 mm LWE version by philatelists to facilitate album mounting, or have been shortened in the packaging process. Control numbered *fine roulette* strips of **RP-918** were supplied by BABN surcharged as **RP-1201** for the 1942 Budget, and re-surcharged as **RP-1611** for March 1943.

RP-918 - 1/7th pound, LWE, *fine roulette*, control **0031058**,
Faintly rollered **10-50-E** by “Ontario Tobacco”, Toronto

0030332	RP-918	1/7th pound, fine roulette, LWE, unreadable roller cancellation
0030397	RP-918	1/7th pound, fine roulette, LWE
0031058 ★	RP-918	1/7th pound, fine roulette, LWE, roller coded **10-50-E**

When the Budget of June 1942 imposed an excise tax of 1¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof) on manufactured tobacco, BABN surcharged the *fine roulette* **RP-918** with a blue 3 and 2 mm. Gothic **3¢ / EXCISE / TAX** as **RP-1201**.

RP-1201 - 3¢ / EXCISE / TAX on 1/7th pounds, LWE, *fine roulette*, control **0069783**
Roller cancelled **10-50-E** by “Ontario Tobacco”, Toronto

0068741	RP-1201	**3¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on 1/7th pound, fine roulette, seems to be unused
0069783 ★	RP-1201	**3¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on 1/7th pound, fine roulette, roller coded **10-50-E**

When the Budget of March 3rd 1943 doubled the excise tax to 2¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof) BABN re-surcharged sheets of the *fine roulette* **RP-1201** with a 3 mm. dark blue Gothic **6¢** plus the three 7 mm. horizontally stacked *killer lines* as **RP-1611**.

RP-1611 - 6¢ over **3¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on the 1/7th pound LWE strip, *fine roulette*, control **0104738**
Roller cancelled **10-50-E** by "Ontario Tobacco", Toronto

0104707 ★	RP-1611	**6¢** over **3¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on 1/7th pound, LWE, roller coded **10-50-E** on a package of **Star - Turkish & Virginia Tobacco**
0104738 ★	RP-1611	**6¢** over **3¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on 1/7th pound, LWE, roller coded **10-50-E**

Lee Brandom also lists a re-surcharge of **6¢** over **3¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on **RP-920** - the *imperforate* 1/7th pound LWE strip. The collection ***does not contain***, nor ***have I seen***, a copy of this item - **WANTED!**

The first listed *dated* copy of the 155 mm *imperforate* 1/7th pound strip was used by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in January 1936. I find it probable that all of the strips from 1935-36 were manufactured in the LWE format.

0174581	01/36	RP-920	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / AGA** - clipped LWE
0974834	06/36	RP-920	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / CGB** - clipped LWE
1023444	07/36	RP-920	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / AGC** - clipped LWE
1090086	08/36	RP-920	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / BGC** - clipped LWE
1217817	09/36	RP-920	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / CGC** - clipped LWE

RP-919 - 1/7th pounds, *imperforate*, control **4183122**
Mimeographed **1-10-D-4-38** by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal, in April 1938

2226584		RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-10-D**
2940304	02/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / BIA**
2940305	02/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / BIA**
2940609	02/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / BIA**
3045292	10/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / AID**
3062803	12/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / CID**
3066809	12/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / CID**
3067208	12/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / CID**
3067240	12/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / CID**
3075769	02/39	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / BJA**
3142292	08/39	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / BJC**
3200618	03/40	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-23-D / CKA**
3355025	06/37	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-6-37**
3637773	09/37	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-9-37**
3945769 ★	01/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-1-38**
4021688	02/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-2-38**
4081342 ★		RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-10-D**
4084194		RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-10-D**
4183122 ★	04/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-4-38**
4212326	04/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-4-38**
4212326	04/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-4-38**
4259250	05/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-5-38**
4399523	06/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-6-38**
4572432		RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-10-D**
4806286	11/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-11-38**
4859958		RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-10-D**
4894369	12/38	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-12-38**
4969089		RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-10-D**
4972944		RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-10-D**

5015185		RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, roller coded **1-10-D**
5348455	06/39	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-6-39**
5588995	09/39	RP-919	1/7th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-9-39**

--- 1/6 on 1/7th Pound LWE strip - Budget of 1939 overprint - 255 x 15 mm. ---

When the wartime Budget of September 1939 increased the excise duty on manufactured tobacco from 20¢ to 25¢ per pound, the major manufacturers, attempting to maintain an even price level on their brands, apparently abandoned the 1/7th pound size in favour of the larger 1/6th pound package and increased the price. This package size increase evidently resulted in the production of a 255 mm LWE version of the base 1/7th pound strip. BABN overprinted the *imperforate* 1/7th pound LWE strip in dark blue ink with a central 7½ mm. Roman **1/6** and a 2 mm. Gothic **1/6** fraction at each side, plus |||||| six vertical *killer bars* at the ends, as **RP-1013**. Since the original sheets had been prepared as **RP-920**, the control numbers match the 1/7th pound sequence.

The 155 mm form of the *imperforate* overprint (see below) is listed by Lee Brandom as **RP-1012**, but judging by the control numbers it is probably a copy of the LWE **RP-1013**, either clipped by a philatelist for album mounting, or company shortened during the packaging process.

RP-1012 - 1/6 on 1/7th pound, imperforate, control **5902788**
Roller cancelled **1-10-D** by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal - probably a clipped copy of **RP-1013**

RP-1013 - 1/6 on the 1/7th pound LWE strip, *imperforate*, control **5943925**
Roller cancelled **1-10-D** by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal

RP-1011 - 1/6 on the 1/7th pound LWE strip, *fine roulette*, control **6541656**
Roller cancelled **L.C.L. / 18-10-D** by "Landau & Cormack", Montreal

5902788 ★	RP-1012	**1/6** on 1/7th pound, *imperforate*, roller coded **1-10-D** - a clipped **RP-1013**
5943925 ★	RP-1013	**1/6** on 1/7th pound LWE, *imperforate*, roller coded **1-10-D**
6541604	RP-1011	**1/6** on 1/7th pound, LWE, *fine roulette*, roller coded **L.C.L. / 18-10-D**
6541630	RP-1011	**1/6** on 1/7th pound, LWE, *fine roulette*, roller coded **L.C.L. / 18-10-D**
6541656 ★	RP-1011	**1/6** on 1/7th pound, LWE, *fine roulette*, roller coded **L.C.L. / 18-10-D**

Note: ***apparently this is the final control numbering of the 1/7th Pound sequence***

The control numbers on the 1/7 pound strip have run through the introductory sequences from **0000001** to **6541656** - so at this point the 1/7th pound total is 6,541,656 strips.

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